

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Field of the Invention

The invention concerns an orthopaedic device for the correction of wrongly positioned toes ~~according to the general principles of Claim 1.~~

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Background of the Invention

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Brief Summary of the Invention

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This task is performed by an orthopaedic device for the correction of incorrect toe positioning having ~~the features of Claim 1. Favourable developments of the invention are described in the subsidiary claims~~ a first fastening provision in a region of a big toe, a second fastening provision in a region of a central foot, and a flexible splint, which is held by the fastening provisions in the regions of the big toe and the central foot and which extends along an inner side of the foot wherein the flexible splint is formed as a hinged flexible splint, articulated in a direction of flexion and extension of a toe or toes requiring correction.

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Brief Description of the Drawings

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Brief Description of the Drawings

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The hinge end 16 of the second hinged splint shank 11 is favourably joined as one piece with the hinged splint shank 11, and takes the form of the hinge disk 90 which, with the hinge ring 70 of the first hinged splint shank 10, forms the hinge mechanism 13. When the device according to the invention is worn by a patient and is attached to the patient's foot, the hinge disk 90 faces the skin of the foot and lies against it. The hinge ring 70 is positioned on the outside against the hinge disk 90. The hinge disk 90 has, concentric with the annular opening of the hinge ring ~~[[7]]~~ 70, an annular ridge 91 which extends from the hinge disk 90 some way in the direction of the inner region of the hinge ring 70.

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Abstract